Achievements of ICHR

†4363. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) when and for which purposes the Indian Council of Historical Research was set up and the achievement made by it so far;

(b) the criteria for appointment of Member-Secretary in the institution and whether the present appointment to the post is in conformity with the criteria prescribed; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not by when Government propose to take action to make appointment as per rule, by nullifying the present appointment?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) The Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) was established in 1972. Its objectives are contained in its Memorandum of Association (MOA). As per the information provided by the ICHR, the Council has funded 541 projects, 2094 Fellowships, 2596 Study-cum-travel Grants and supported about one thousand Seminars/Workshops/Conferences across the country on requests received from various professional organizations of historians.

The Council has also itself brought out about 195 publications in English, Hindi, Urdu and other regional languages including its Journal entitled. The Indian Historical Review (27 volumes- bi-annual) and Itihas (3 volumes).

(b) and (c) Appointment of Member-Secretary was made by the Council with the approval of the Government of India as per its MOA/Rules.

Technology Habitat at Cochin

4364. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government has submitted a proposal for establishment of Technology Habitat at Cochin; and

(b) if so, the action taken by Government in this regard?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) & (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Education for children of labourers

4365. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the children of slum dwellers/ migrant labourers who come to Capital, are denied admission in Government Schools, for want of ration cards or birth certificates; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in regard thereto and the remedial measures Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) As per the information received from the Government of NCT of Delhi, affidavits from parents/guardians of the children of slum dwellers/labourers and other deprived sections of the society are accepted for admissions in the Delhi Government schools.

(b) The question does not arise.

Pilot project for universal secondary education

4366.SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any pilot project has been launched by National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration, to achieve universal secondary education;

(b) the details of the pilot projects, State-wise;

(c) the details of funds provided to NIEPA to come up with plans for secondary education; and

(d) the past track record of NIEPA in the educational sector?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.